

## WHO SOLD TICKETS?

Park Department Officials Are Looking Into the Matter.

Hundreds Found Their Way Into Speculators' Hands.

Italians Got Work by Passing as Union Veterans.

The exposure in yesterday's "Evening World" of the frauds practised upon the Park Department officials by men who obtained hundreds of work tickets, which afterwards found their way into the hands of Italian vendors, who sold them to their countrymen for 10 and 25 cents, caused considerable consternation in the Park Department this morning. The fact that an investigation had been set on foot, and the possibility of the whole sale buying and selling of positions being fully laid bare had a most depressing effect upon them.

President Tappan told an "Evening World" reporter this morning that he was more than anxious to get to the bottom of the frauds.

"Anything that we can possibly do," he said, "to find the authors of the imposition—that is, if imposition has been practised—is what we will do. We will certainly make an investigation, and it will be of the rigid order."

"We will summon before us the men whom 'The Evening World' found, and have them tell us their stories. Then, if possible, we will find the men who sold the tickets, and through them we may be able to discover who obtained the tickets from us in the first instance. 'Don't blame this Department until we get at all the facts. Even though the sale of the tickets may be proved, it must be remembered that several thousand tickets were issued by us at a time when men were hungry and crying for work. We were told to issue them as fast as we could. We will offer 'The Evening World' every facility for getting at the bottom of the whole transaction."

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that a similar condition exists in the Dock Department. Every one of these men is supposed to be an American citizen, and before being put to work he is sworn. "The Evening World" has already demonstrated how Italians, a few months or days in the country, are able to procure citizenship papers upon perjured evidence. With these certificates of citizenship they are put to work in the Department, the padrone first receiving his blood-money.

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## THAT QUEER AUCTION.

Commissioner Daly Says It Really Took Place.

Philip J. Smith Bought Paving Blocks "In a Minute."

He Is an Agent for Tammany Contractors.

Commissioner of Public Works Michael T. Daly today told his side of that mysterious sale of \$200,000 paving blocks told about in "The World" this morning.

A "World" reporter started out yesterday morning to attend the sale, which was advertised to take place at 11:30 o'clock, at Burling slip and South street, under the direction of Auctioneer Peter E. Meyer, Richard Croker's partner in the real estate business.

The reporter found the paving blocks. They composed the pavement on South street between Whitehall and Corlears streets, and are to be laid up so that a new pavement can be taken. There was no sign of an auction sale, however, but at Meyer's office it was said that it took place just the same and that a big crowd was there.

The successful buyer was reported to be Philip J. Smith, and his bid was \$250 per thousand blocks. Smith is said to represent Tammany contractors, turning to the office of the Italian vice-consul, where he is said to have a "pull," who might dispose of them again as new after having them retouched, they may prove a valuable bargain.

"I have made inquiry," said Commissioner Daly, "and I find that the sale did take place on the advertised spot in the presence of Walter Burley Griffin, the architect of the Italian vice-consul, of this Department. I suppose Smith was the only bidder, and there was no crowd. The whole thing was done in a minute."

"How about the big crowd Auctioneer Meyer's man speaks of?"

"I am not responsible for what others say. The man may not have known what he was talking about. You haven't heard of any other bidder, have you?"

The sale was advertised in the regular way, and if any one else wanted paving blocks they would have been on the spot.

"Evidently no one else wanted them. That accounts for the low bid. Two dollars and fifty cents per thousand blocks. There appears to be no demand for old paving-stones. They are sold by contractors to country towns to be broken up for country roads."

"When they were building roads in Mount Vernon and New Rochelle, we got more money for old stones."

Mr. Daly said the idea that the old blocks could be resold to the city was "rubbish." He thought Tammany deserved credit instead of censure for turning the old paving-stones into money for the city. There was no record that any money was received for old stones prior to the administration of Thomas F. Gilroy.

Flint's Fine Furniture.

The best furniture for the least money at Flint's, 14th St. and 6th Ave.

Isabella Hamilton Believed Insane.

Isabella Hamilton, forty years old, of 442 State street, Brooklyn, will be examined in Bellevue Hospital to-day as to her mental condition. Last night in Madison square she had a crowd on the subject of widowhood. Park policeman Colburn requested her to move on and she attacked him in a lively manner with her umbrella. He arrested her and later took her to the Bellevue Insane Asylum.

Cable Car Collision Was Fatal.

Zachus C. Wells, who sustained a fracture of the skull by being knocked from the rear steps of his car by a Broadway cable car at the corner of Fifth street and 10th Avenue on Wednesday, died at the Roosevelt Hospital yesterday. Jeremiah Dalton, the gripman, was held for examination.

Man Winslow's Southern Boy for children teaching letters the girls and all school boys. 30c.

## A RARE OPPORTUNITY

Very Stylish, Reasonable and Swell.

Our Dove-Tailed Coats and Vests of Clay Imported Diagonals, Vicunas, Carr's Meltons,

TO MEASURE, \$12.00

Imported Stripes, Plaids, and Scotch Trousers to go with above coat and vest, to measure.

500 styles to select from.

A full line of Home-spuns, Meltons, Cheviots and Worsted, Complete suit, to measure.

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"MARK TWAIN'S" AFFAIRS.

There is a Chance that Webster & Co. May Continue.

Bainbridge Colby, the assignee of Mark Twain's publishing house, Charles L. Webster & Co., said this morning that the books of the firm had not yet been made up, and that it would probably be two or three days before an accurate statement of the firm's liabilities and assets would be given out.

At a rough estimate, Mr. Colby said, the liabilities will not exceed \$50,000, and the assets will be nearly equal. He said that there is a strong probability that the creditors will agree to arrangements permitting the firm to resume business.

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Also 200 doz. Ladies' Hats, Neapolita and chip crowns, with fancy straw brims, colors and black, real value 98c.,

59c.

50 Ladies' Trimmed Hats, of fancy straws, silk ribbon and flowers,

\$1.98.

75 Ladies' Trimmed Hats, fancy straws, laces, ribbon and flowers,

\$2.75.

FLOWERS.

500 Wreaths, 9c. and 15c. each. Fine Rose Sprays, 3 in bunch, 15c. Silk and Velvet Rose Sprays, 6 in a bunch, 25c.

RIBBONS.

2,000 yards all-silk Moire Ribbon, all colors, 2 1-2 inches wide, value 19c., for 10c. yd.

2,500 yards all-silk Moire Ribbon, all colors, 3 inches wide, value 25c. yd., for 15c. yd.

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Children's, Boys' and Young Men's Clothing never was and probably never will be sold as cheap again as we are selling it now.

JUNIOR and ZOUAVE SUITS, 1.73 (Silk Soutache Embroidered.)

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"Bessemer" Cheviot Suits, 2.23 (All-Wool Pants, Double Seat and Knees.)

STAR SHIRT WAISTS (Laundered) \$1.25 Quality, 59 Cents.

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All-Wool Spring Top Coats, 8.75 (Reduced from \$15.00.)

SILK-LINED TOP COATS, 15.75 (Reduced from \$25.00.)

ALL-WOOL SUITS, 8.50 (Reduced from \$14.25.)

FINE WORSTED TROUSERS, 3.25 (Reduced from \$5.00.)

During this sale cash, P. O. MONEY ORDERS OR CERTIFIED CHECKS MUST ACCOMPANY ALL MAIL ORDERS. BUT YOUR MONEY WILL BE RETURNED IF PURCHASES ARE NOT AS ADVERTISED.

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Horses, Carriages, &c. FOR SALE—8 brick trucks, horses and harness. Apply 448 Cherry St.

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